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SUBJ: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - DRV REMARKS ON  
REPATRIATION

REF: STATE 238246

1. DURING COURSE OF YESTERDAY'S GENERAL DEBATE ON UNHCR REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, US REP WILSON DELIVERED APPROVED EXPLANATION OF US DECISION RE SVN REPATRIATES ON GUAM. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE PUBLIC REACTION, BUT HCR IN BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING TODAY EXPRESSED SOME REGRET THAT WE HAD DWELT ON SUBJECT AT SUCH LENGTH, ARGUING THAT THIS COULD GET DRV/PRG BACK UP (DRV HAS OBSERVER DELEGATION AT EXEC COMMITTEE MEETING) AND MAKE LATER HCR EFFORTS TO SECURE VIETNAMESE ACCEPTANCE OF REPATRIATES MORE DIFFICULT.

2. THIS AFTERNOON, LEADING OFF EXEC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF HCR SPECIAL OPERATIONS, HIGH COMMISSIONER DELIVERED LENGTHY DESCRIPTION OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO THAILAND, LAOS AND DRV. HE OUTLINED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH RTG ON RESETTLEMENT, AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBED HIS TALKS IN VIENTIANE AND HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRG AND DRV IN HANOI. MADE NO MENTION OF ANY DISCUSSION REGARDING REPATRIATION. ENDED WITH STRONG APPEAL FOR RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR  
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NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER RELATIVELY LOW-KEY

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE IN THAILAND.

3. EXECCOMM CHAIRMAN (NIGERIA) THEN CALLED ON AMB. VO VAN SUNG, CHIEF OF DRV OBSERVER MISSION TO DESCRIBE VIETNAMESE NEEDS. DRV REP BEGAN BY THANKING HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ALL NATIONS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN RECONSTRUCTING COUNTRY. HE THEN DIGRESSED BRIEFLY TO REPATRIATION IN LOW-KEY FASHION AND WITHOUT NORMAL HISTORICS. STATED THAT PRG HAD MANY MAJOR PROBLEMS TO SETTLE IN AFTERMATH OF WAR BEFORE THEY COULD CONCENTRATE ON REPATRIATION. SOLUTION, HE SAID, REQUIRED TIME AND COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED ON PROGRESSIVE BASIS. HE THEN PARAPHRASED HANOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF OCT 4 ON SUBJECT IN POLITE LANGUAGE, STATING THAT HE WOULD KEEP UNHCR INFORMED OF ANY PROGRESS ON REPATRIATION. ENDED BY SAYING USG COULD NOT SETTLE THE MATTER UNILATERALLY AS IT WISHED AND WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME ALL CONSEQUENCES. STATED PRG WOULD REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR REPATRIATION IN ITS OWN GOOD TIME.

4. DRV REP WENT ON TO DESCRIBE RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS IN NORTH AND SOUTH AS RESULT OF WAR DAMAGE, BUT WITHOUT CASTIGATION OF US BY NAME AND ENDED WITH EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM UN MEMBERS.

5. AS INDICATED TO ROSENTHAL BY PHONE, UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, USDEL DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO REOPEN REPATRIATION ISSUE IN PUBLIC DEBATE EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE PASSING, ONE SENTENCE RE-STATING FOR RECORD THAT PLAN IS REPATRIATES' DOING AND NOT THAT OF USG. ABRAMS

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